The Church News

OBJECT *1. To promote Unity of Diocesan Life by disseminating news of the Diocese, its institutions, parishes and missions, and by printing letters and pastorals by the Bishop from time to time. 2. To promote the Missionary and Benevolent Work of the Diocese by publishing reports and appeals, and by recording current news and events.*

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Learning to Preach at the Philadelphia Divinity School

In the recent report of the Interseminary Movement the Traveling Secretary, after visiting 117 theological schools, reports that "so many students for the ministry are unable to stand up and speak forthrightly with a contagious sense of conviction."

The Rev. Archibald C. Knowles, D.D., veteran priest of this diocese, in his book, "Lights and Shadows of the Sacred Ministry" makes the following statement: "Today, however, preaching has sadly fallen off, especially among the younger clergy. This is very much to be regretted, for the Priest is to minister the Word as well as the Sacraments and preaching is a most important duty, never more so than today."

At the Divinity School which was founded by this diocese great emphasis is being laid on public speaking and an interesting and varied program is being carried out in this department under the direction of the Dean, the Very Rev. Frank D. Gifford, Ph.D., S.T.D.

When a student enters the school his voice is tested by the Instructor in Music and Voice, Mr. Newell Robinson, F.A.G.O., who is chairman of our diocesan commission on music. Records are made so that a man can hear his own speaking and singing voice and defects corrected. Men are taught individually and in classes the proper use of the voice. Seniors are often amused and amazed when the records of their voices as juniors are played over again.

Every Friday at 9:20 Dean Gifford meets with the juniors to study the principles of public speaking as applied to preaching. Men gain confidence in speaking without notes by giving brief addresses in class on things out of their own experience. Some of these have been of great interest, as for example, "Mining Conditions and Problems" by one who worked as a Pennsylvania miner; "Banking Frauds" by a student who served as head teller in the Bank of America in Hollywood; "How the Navy Beat the Submarine Wolf-Packs" by a veteran of the seas.

At 10:15 the class enters the Chapel and becomes a congregation. Two men then preach regular sermons and receive the comments, criticisms and suggestions of the Dean and their fellows. Sometimes the topics are suggested by the Dean, as for instance a recent teaching sermon on "The Symbolism of the Church Building." Some sermons are read but a surprising number of men at the Divinity School are learning to preach acceptably with only brief outlines or notes.

The Middler Class meets with the Dean at 11:10 for an hour of lectures and discussion. Recently expository preaching has been studied. Bible characters and incidents have been considered from a homiletic point of view and outlines made by the class on the blackboard. Some of those selected by the men for preaching outlines were as follows: "David and the Giant," "Absalom, the Son Who Rebelled," "The Baptism of John and of Christ."

The noon hour is spent by the Middlers on Fridays in the Chapel or in a neighboring parish Church. Two men preach and hear the encouraging and critical remarks that follow. The Dean insists that men should first of all point out the good points of a sermon before finding fault.

Every Thursday at five o'clock there is a guest preacher and many of them remain over for Friday morning for class work. Veterans of the pulpit can thus impart the results of their own experience and be questioned by the students. Among those who have served thus as visiting lecturers in Homiletics have been the Rev. James C. Crosson, from Pelham, N. Y., formerly Lieutenant Colonel in the Army Air Force; the Rev. Walter H. Stowe, S.T.D., President of the Church Historical Society; and the Very Rev. Hubert S. Wood, D.D., Dean of the Cathedral at Garden City, L. I.

Tuesday is graduate student day at the Philadelphia Divinity School and no fewer than 25 men are taking courses to improve their

knowledge and make their work more effective. Twelve men meet with the Dean for two hours on Tuesdays to study homiletics. Four are rectors from New Jersey who come from places thirty to sixty miles distant; one is a former Methodist army chaplain; two are seniors who come from Oklahoma and from Harrisburg, Pa. Lectures are given by the Dean upon preaching methods and problems; essays and reports are presented by members of the class; and two sermons are given in the Chapel with the comments and suggestions that follow. Recent visitors have said that the Divinity School is rendering a very great service to the Church by this program.

THE LABORER IS WORTHY OF HIS HIRE

Protection Points, a publication issued by the Church Pension Fund, recently printed the following statement:

Most clergymen are under-compensated. This is notoriously true. The reason is clear. Their concern is a spiritual one—to serve the Church. To them the material return is secondary, even incidental.

The 5,000 or so active clergy draw an average stipend of $3,450 a year. This is not the cash stipend; it includes an amount as rectory allowance. The cash stipend averages slightly over $3,000. Most of the men are married, some have large families. About one-half of the clergy have stipends, including rectory allowances, of less than $3,000 a year. About three-quarters of the clergy draw less than $4,000.

How do the clergy fare in living in comparison with other groups? Here are some examples. Railroad engine-drivers draw $5,400 a year on the average, conductors $4,900. New York City bus drivers get $3,600 a year, police patrolmen $3,900 a year. Skilled factory workers are in a $3,000-$3,500 range. Good bookkeepers are paid $2,600-$3,100.

In contrast to those who engage in these occupations, clergymen have invested a considerable sum in preparation of their life-work. They are college trained and they have had three years of Seminary. They are expected to be leaders in their communities, and characteristically are such. Far more important, they are the spearhead of true progress in civilization.

Clerical Brotherhood Completes Seventy-Five Years

By the Rev. J. Wesley Twelves

In January the Clerical Brotherhood of the Diocese of Pennsylvania will have completed seventy-five years of active service. Regular meetings of the clergy of the Diocese have been held on Monday mornings for three quarters of a century.

On January 18, 1872 a group of clergymen of the Diocese organized what was called "The Clerical 20," to hold weekly Monday meetings for the increase of mutual fellowship and the advancement of personal religious interests. They were to visit the sick and the absent, and an Executive Committee was to arrange a program of weekly meetings.

In those days it was a very select group, for in no case was the number to exceed twenty, and they were to be elected by ballot. The first meetings were held in the Vestry room of Holy Trinity Church. The first President was the Rev. Dr. D. Newton. The meetings were opened with devotions, especially the singing of hymns. For that purpose a number of hymnals were purchased. The meetings always closed with the singing of the doxology. A half hour was always given over to business and conversation. This period of conversation has always been a part of the meeting, in order to develop the spirit of fellowship.

Among the first members of this select group stand out the names of Faulkner, Simes, Edwards and Appleton, some of whom may still be remembered by our older readers. The dues were a ten dollar initial fee and five dollars yearly. Among the subjects discussed at the early meetings were "Pastoral Visiting," "Understanding of the Public Services," "The Free Church System," "Music and Hymns," "The Approaching Convention" and "An Appointment of a Day of Intercession for Heathendom."

At one of the meetings, members of the faculty of the Philadelphia Divinity School were invited guests, and the names of these outstanding personages are recorded, Dr. Hare, Dr. Claxton, Dr. Butler, and Dr. Goodwin.

Shortly after these very early meetings, the place of meeting was transferred to the old Church of the Epiphany, then located at 15th and Chestnut Streets, where the meetings continued to be held for many years. One of the meetings in January 1873 was omitted, so that the members might attend a reception given to Bishop Hare, who had been elected first Missionary Bishop to South Dakota.

On February 3, 1873, Mr. Jay Cooke, an outstanding layman invited the Club to his home for a social occasion, and expressed himself as being delighted to entertain the clergy. Mention is made of the financial depression which had struck the country, in the meeting of September 1873. Old timers will recall that Jay Cooke was one of those greatly involved in this depression.

It soon became apparent that there was considerable prejudice against the Club, because of its exclusiveness, in not opening the meeting to all the clergy. But when the matter was called to the attention of the members, it was always laid on the table. The Club took great interest in aiding some of the unfortunate clergy, by giving various sums of money out of the treasury. Suggestions were made that a Society for the Relief of Destitute Clergy be formed in 1876. This may have been the inspiration for starting the several funds in the Diocese for this purpose. In fact many of our Diocesan projects grew out of the discussions at these Monday morning meetings.

The old minute books of the Club refer to the Moody and Sankey Revival which was held in 1875 on the present site of the John Wanamaker building. In 1876, the Club asked that the Bishop appoint prayers and thanksgivings for the coming Centenial Exhibition to be held in Philadelphia, which prayers were later offered by the Bishop.

Because of the continual criticism of the exclusiveness of the Clerical 20 Club, it was finally decided that the Club should be open to all the clergy of the Diocese. On October 23, 1876, the name was changed to the Clerical Brotherhood, and a set of principles was drawn up, to

The Rev. George C. Foley

which all new members affixed their names. Among the names appear those of Henry Phillips, for many years Archdeacon of work among the colored, and Dr. Duhring, who was the well known superintendent of the City Mission. The first meeting of this Clerical Brotherhood was on November 13, 1876. It was explained at one of the meetings that the name "Evangelical" appearing in one of "the principles" was not used in any partisan sense.

Among the names of those who took an active part in those early days, we find some still within the memory of many of us, Fulforth, Hodge, Halsey, Taitt, LeRoy, Moore, Steinmetz, Hoyt, Heffern, Huff, Richie, Harding, McIllhenny, Cope, Vincent.

Other names which appear at a later date are even more familiar, Fuller, Cole, Caley, Burk, Ricksecker, Arkin, Grammer, Groton, Steele, Perry, Matos, Foley. Many of these clergy were the leaders of the Diocese, and some were known as scholars of the Church.

The topics discussed at the meetings were the same problems of church life which confront us today. In 1905 the clergy were wondering "Is the Church Retaining Her Hold on the People." In 1908 Father Mortimer presented for discussion the subject "Present Unrest, its Causes, Dangers and Remedies." In 1911 a subject as suitable for today as then, was "Social Responsibility for the High Cost of Living."

The meetings were now being held in the Church House, which was located at 12th and Walnut Streets, where the Brotherhood had very comfortable, if not to say, luxurious quarters reserved for them. The large room on the third floor with its easy chairs would be almost filled on Monday mornings.

In 1904, the Junior Clergy formed a Missionary Association, meeting monthly. This group continued for about ten years, and was finally absorbed into the Clerical Brotherhood, one meeting each month being devoted to missionary subjects, and speakers.

The meetings never lacked for interesting discussion when such leaders as the following were present: McDuffy, Argo, Washburn, Garland, Osborne, Remington, Ogle, Lyons, Johnson, Stearly, and Yerkes. Bishop Mackay-Smith was a regular attendant, took part in every discussion and closed the meetings with his blessing.

It has always been the policy of the Clerical Brotherhood meetings, to avoid discussion of politics and churchmanship. This is one group in the Diocese that has no label, it represents all types of churchmanship, and no one has any axe to grind. Other clubs have been formed in recent years, but they all have special interests. But the Clerical Brotherhood brings all the clergy together in a spirit of fellowship. In a large Diocese like ours, we need such a gathering to know each other and to exchange ideas. This Clerical Brotherhood has been a forum for the clergy, out of which have no doubt come many projects helpful to the Diocese and the general church.

CHESTER PARISHES MERGE

The merger of St. Luke's Church, 3d and Broomall Streets and St. Paul's Church, Broad and Madison Streets, Chester, has recently been announced. When the merger is effected, the building at 3d and Bromall Streets will be vacated, and memorials from the church will be moved to the new chapel now under construction in the Highland Gardens section of the city of Chester.

St. Luke's Church was organized in 1868, the corner stone laid in 1869, and in 1874 the parish was admitted into union with the Convention of the Diocese of Pennsylvania. In order to perpetuate the name of the 79 year old church, the new place of worship in Highland Gardens will be known as St. Luke's Chapel of St. Paul's parish. It is hoped that the new chapel will be ready for use in the late spring of 1948.

BISHOP HART'S PRAYER FOR BLESSING OF CHURCH BELLS

Almighty God, who by the mouth of Thy servant Moses didst command to make silver trumpets for the solemn assemblies: be pleased to accept our offering. Bless and hallow these bells for our use, and grant that through this generation and through those that are to come, they may continually call together Thy faithful people to the praise and worship of Thy holy name. And grant, O Lord, that they who with their outward ears shall in their daily calling hear the sound of these bells, may be stirred inwardly in their hearts, and draw nearer in spirit to Thee, the God of their salvation; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

INSTITUTE OF LEADERSHIP

An Institute of parish leadership was conducted at the Church of the Incarnation, Drexel Hill, on four Wednesday evenings, beginning October 22. Program: For Church School teachers, "Guiding Children in Christian Growth," leaders Miss Florence V. Miller and Mrs. Leonora Harris; for Woman's Auxiliary executive board, "Serving the Church through the Woman's Auxiliary," leader Mrs. John E. Hill; for Vestrymen and auxiliary Vestrymen, "Parish Problems and Apportunities," leader Mr. Donald H. Williams; final session for everybody, "Visual Aids in the Church," leader Mrs. Franklin I. Sheeder.

GUIDE FOR PERSONAL PRAYER

The Rev. Alfred M. Smith, Chaplain, City Mission, has compiled a 65 page loose-leaf book entitled "My Prayer Book." Its purpose is to help develop the prayer life of the individual in a constructive and orderly way. It is not a complete prayer manual; but rather an outline that will be expanded by the user. Hence the loose-leaf book, so that pages may be added, changed, discarded, according to one's own need and desires. Different subjects are suggested for different days in the week: Worship of God, Home, Parish, Diocese, Church at Large, World, Faithful Departed. For each day there are suggestions for adoration, thanksgiving, self-dedication, intercession, penitence, petition. The notes are mimeographed on pages that will fit a standard binder, which may be procured in stationery stores. The cost of the pages is 65 cents for the complete set. Address the Rev. Alfred M. Smith, 502 West Avenue, Jenkintown, Pa.

GUILD OF CHURCHMEN ELECTS LOCAL LAYMEN

The National Guild of Churchmen is an association of the laity organized to maintain, defend and propagate the historic doctrine, practice and teaching of the Anglican Communion as held by the Episcopal Church and contained in the Book of Common Prayer. The method pursued by the Guild is direct mail through which teaching tracts are sent directly into the homes of laity. It has a goodly number of members in the Diocese of Pennsylvania.

The first annual service and luncheon of the Guild was held in New York on November 15. The Dean of the General Theological Seminary preached at the service, and Edward T. Gushée of Detroit, Michigan, newly elected president, presided at the luncheon.

In addition to the election of Mr. Gushée as president of the Guild, the Board of Trustees recently announced the election of the following officers: Vice Presidents: Messrs. William R. Castle, Washington, D. C.; Spencer Ervin, Philadelphia, Pa.; W. W. Grant, Denver, Colo.; Bohun B. Kinloch, Charleston, S. C.; Edward N. Perkins, New York, N. Y.; Clifford L. Terry, Chicago, Ill. Secretary: Mr. Victor D. Cronk, La Grange, Ill. Treasurer: Mr. Hall E. Shepherd, New York, N. Y. Executive Chairman: Mr. John Whiteley, Jackson Heights, N. Y. Executive Committee: Messrs. John Kremer, Philadelphia, Pa.; Francis A. Parker, Jr., Boston, Mass.; Horace L. Varian, Baltimore, Md.

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A GRADUATE NURSE SPEAKS ABOUT OUR HOSPITAL

"I believe that a church hospital has something specific to offer to the community it serves which no other hospital can offer. Is there anything definite I can do to help give this fact a more general knowledge? I know that we can not continue under the present debt, however, there must be something we can do to prevent the disbandment of a hospital that has served its people so well for so many years. It hardly seems possible that the idea of discontinuing this service could be a serious one. I am not acquainted with all the details and therefore my writing may be based more on feeling that actual fact but certainly there must be some other solution. Having trained in this hospital I believe I received a training that could not be offered in most other hospitals and also believe it has given me something fine to offer to the patients under my care. Is it fair to deprive future nurses or future patients of this spiritual guidance which is as important, if not more important, than actual physical care?"

VOICE TRAINING INSTITUTES

The Commission on Music of the Diocese has planned institutes at five different centers on the first five Tuesday and Wednesday evenings of 1948 at 8 P. M. Mr. William Reese, formerly organist and choirmaster of St. Paul's Church, Chestnut Hill, and now head of the Music Department of Franklin & Marshall College, will cover the subject of "Voice Training." Mr. Harold Gilbert, organist and choirmaster of St. Peter's Church, will deal with "Anglican Chanting."

Choirmasters, organists, choristers, clergy, and all who are interested in Church music are cordially invited. There is no fee; but a collection will be taken to help defray expenses.

Dates and places are as follows: January 6 and 7, St. Mark's Church, Frankford; January 13 and 14, St. Luke's Church, Germantown; January 20 and 21, All Saints' Church, 11th and Snyder Avenue; January 27 and 28, Church of the Saviour, West Philadelphia; February 3 and 4, St. John's Church, Lansdowne.

HOW MUCH SHALL I GIVE THROUGH THE CHURCH?

Many of us are honestly perplexed by this question. There are no rules about it, but we want to share fairly with God, "from Whom all blessings flow." The scriptural ideal is to tithe, but since there are many worthy causes *outside* the Church (Community Chest, etc.) which need support few have found this possible.

A tithe, or 10% of our income, is still the ideal. But if this is not possible, then most people find it helpful to fix a definite proportion nonetheless.

Here is a schedule which has been found workable by many people throughout the Church. We print it here as a possible guide for those who want to find the joy of having a definite share in God's Work.

Income Over $10,000 per Year

10% the ideal
5% the minimum

Income From $5,000 to $10,000

10% the ideal
5% if 1 or 2 in family
4% if 3 or 4 in family
3% for larger families

Income From $2,500 to $5,000

10% the ideal
4% for 1 or 2 in family
3% for larger families

Income Below $2,500

10% the ideal
3% for 1 or 2 in family
2% for larger families

LAYMEN ANALYZE PERSONAL EVANGELISM

Thirty laymen and five clergymen met with Bishop Remington at Camp Taitt, near Quakertown, last fall for forty-eight hours in order that they might confer on personal evangelism. Each of these men had already come to realize that only in fellowship can the Gospel of Jesus Christ be known or exemplified. The very means chosen by its Founder for the spread of His teachings was a fellowship, an assembly, a "coming together," i.e., in the exact meaning of the word, a Church. So the call to personal evangelism struck an instantaneously answering note in their hearts.

What did this conference find that a layman can do to add to the numbers or to deepen the spirituality of members of the Church? It found very little that a layman cannot do. Before anything else, he can pray daily for his church, his clergy, and his unchurched brethren. He can practice and exemplify Christianity in his every daily affair, however trivial. He can, as these men did, share the insights given him. He can ask God to pick him up and use him, like a tool in the hand of a workman. As these men did in their closing service, renewing their promises at confirmation, he can dedicate himself.

Bishop Hart's Message

NEW YEAR'S GREETING

Best wishes to all in the Diocese for 1948. One of my objectives for this year is to improve the lines of communication between the Diocese and its laymen. We must continue to rely on the clergy to keep their parishioners well informed as to diocesan needs and opportunities. Our main printed means of communication is the CHURCH NEWS. This is a great help but not every vestryman in the diocese reads the CHURCH NEWS. One vestry has adopted the plan of using the first twenty minutes of two out of three Vestry Meetings for a factual presentation of a diocesan or general church need. Every third meeting deals primarily with the financial condition of the parish. This plan has wonderful possibilities. Dr. Long or Mr. Leech from the Church House would be glad to meet with vestries. One vestry invited a layman who was a member of the Executive Committee of their Convocation. He was able to give this vestry a clear picture of the opportunities within that Convocation. One of the vestrymen spoke enthusiastically to me about their plan, "For the first time we are really learning what the Church's plans are."

My course for vestrymen at the School of Christian Education conducted by the Department of Christian Education, revealed that a great many vestrymen did not know that the course was being given. A number of vestrymen told me that they would have taken the course had they known about it. Many of those who came said that they had gained a clearer conception of the opportunities and responsibilities of a vestryman. One was so bold as to state that his fellow vestrymen would have great difficulty in passing a third grade examination on a vestryman's duties! This is probably an exaggeration but I do know that a clearer apprehension of the relationship of the vestry to the whole Church makes for a healthier parish.

I would appreciate suggestions as to how the line of communication could be improved. I would, also, like to hear of any plans which are already in operation of acquainting the members of the parish with the work of the diocese or general church.

Faithfully your bishop,

Oliver J. Hart

Woman's Auxiliary

MRS. OLIVER J. HART, *Editor*

President's Message

Recently we received two letters, one written thirty-two years ago by Mrs. John Markoe, that grand leader of the Pennsylvania Branch of the Woman's Auxiliary, who on taking office as preseident, wrote "The first word I want to say to you is—pray for me starting in a new work, that I may have the spirit of wisdom and love. Pray for the work. What is that work? You and I are 'put in trust with the Gospel.' What are we to do with it? It would not be the Gospel of our Lord, if we kept it to ourselves. We must share it. That is the function, the work, the reason for the existence of the Woman's Auxiliary."

The second letter was written this October by the Executive Secretary of the Woman's Auxiliary. In it Mrs. Sherman speaks of her attendance at a conference of the International Missionary Council meeting in Canada, last summer, at which forty countries were represented. She quotes from the statement of that group: "The terror and the splendor of the present age call for nothing less than wholehearted loyalty to God in Christ. Total evangelism demands the cooperation of every single Christian; each one must be a partner by prayer in the enterprise of the Church. The demand of the hour is that every Christian should face the challenge of Christ, should sanctify himself by power of the Holy Spirit, should learn to live as a Christian in the place where he is, and should witness boldly for Christ by life and word, trusting the power of Christ to use him, and leave the result of his work in the hands of God."

Two letters thirty-two years apart giving the same ideal to the women of the Church, show how timeless is this challenge to bear witness. Shall we as individuals make a total comitment of "Ourselves, our souls and bodies." preparing "our hearts through prayer and our minds through study" to do our part worthily and intelligently.

May this New Year see the women of Pennsylvania setting forth under God's guidance, prepared, instructed and equipped for that greatest of all adventures—World Evangelism—the Mission of the Church.

ELIZABETH C. BEATH.

Mission Study Classes

We are living in one of the most critical periods in the long history of the human race. Never was it more important for the Church to rediscover its spiritual mission of bringing people into closer fellowship with God and with each other. To this end the Church is turning our attention to World Evangelism, which, to be most effective must be primarily a lay movement, with every meber of the Church a witness to Christ.

The Department of Christian Education is offering classes for leadership training on the subject of Evangelism, which will meet in the Church House on four consecutive Wednesday afternoons from 2 to 3:30 o'clock, January 14, 21, 28, and February 4. The leader will be Miss Ruth Custis Kitchen, who has chosen as the sub-topic: "Inner Conviction Expressed in Action." The task of Evangelism is indeed "Committed Unto Us," which is, appropriately enough, the title of the text book for the classes. The use of this and the Cobb Guide will be discussed.

If you have the interest and the time to help with a study class in your parish, or are willing to prepare some phase of the subject for presentation in other parishes, please attend the meetings scheduled above or volunteer your services.

The subject is as usual interdenominational. The task of Evangelism is urgent, and the time is short. It was committed unto *us*.

Offerings from Mission Study Classes will be used for Evangelism. Please make checks payable to Evaline T. Nicolls, Treas., designated "Mission Study Offering" and send to Church House, 202 S. 19th St., Phila. 3, Pa.

A Memorial

The Woman's Auxiliary of Grace Church, Mt. Airy, together with the Diocesan Board and the Department of Christian Education of the Woman's Auxiliary, have given almost $100 for work in Nanking, China, through the Book of Remembrance, as a memorial to Evelyn Boyd Long.

Program-Building Workshop in the Convocation of Germantown

The Program-Building Workshop on World Evangelism to be held by the Woman's Auxiliary of the Convocation of Germantown on Tuesday, January 20th, from 11:00 A. M. to 3:00 P. M. will feature Mrs. U. Grant Beath, President of the Diocesan Woman's Auxiliary, and Miss Avis Harvey, Secretary for Education at the Church Missions House in New York City. It will be held at St. Matthias Church, 75th Avenue and Briar Road, (Rev. George E. Condit, Rector.) The morning session will be given over to Content and the afternoon session to Methods and Materials.

The Rollcall of Parishes and Missions will take the form of a one-minute rapid-fire Idea-exchange.

The program follows:

11:00 A. M.—Convocation Business Meeting
11:30 A. M.—TOTAL COMMITMENT. Speaker: Mrs. U. Grant Beath
Noon: Prayers for Missions
12:05 to 12:45—Rollcall and One Minute Program Idea Exchange
12:45 to 1:30 — BOX LUNCHEON
1:30 to 3:00 P. M.—Methods and Materials for Program Building. Speaker: Miss Avis Harvey

Mrs. Fred Rogers, Christian Education Chairman, will be at the Literature Table to advise with Parish Educational Chairmen. She will have on display and on order packets on World Evangelism as well as other Literature recommended by the speakers.

The opening business meeting will bring the delegates and visitors up to date on current and future projects of the Convocation's Planning Committee, with Mrs. Henry J. Gideon, (the Woman's Auxiliary's representative on that committee,) reporting.

Twenty-Fourth Annual Benefit Luncheon

Woman's Department, Philadelphia Council of Churches, Ballroom — Broadwood Hotel, Broad and Wood Sts., Thursday, January 29th, 1948 at 12:30 o'clock. The Guest Speaker will be Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam, World Traveler, Author, and Lecturer.

Begin the Day with God

(A daily exercise) Prescribed by Prayer and Worship Committee of the Woman's Auxiliary.

"Begin the day with God
Kneel down to Him in prayer
Lift up thy heart to His abode
And seek His love to share.

Open the Book of God
And read a portion there
That it may hallow all thy thoughts
And sweeten all thy care.

Go through the day with God
Whate'er thy work may be;
Where'er thou art—at home, abroad,
He still is near to thee.

Converse in mind with God
Thy spirit heavenward raise;
Acknowledge every good bestowed,
And offer grateful praise.

Lie down at night with God
Who gives His servants sleep,
When thou tread'st the vale of death
He will thee guard and keep."

IN GOD'S KEEPING

Mrs. Annabel Muray Bonynge, the wife of the Vicar of the Memorial Chapel of the Holy Communion, died in the Episcopal Hospital on November 30. She had been president of the Woman's Auxiliary of the Convocation of South Philadelphia, Secretary and treasurer of the Rectory Club, and active in many other departments of Church work. Bishop Remington, who was one time Vicar of the Chapel, conducted burial services at the church on December 4. He was assisted in the service by Bishop Hart, while the Rev. John H. A. Bomberger, Rector of the Church of the Holy Apostles and the Mediator, conducted the Interrment at Fernwood Cemetery.

The Rev. H. Cresson McHenry, recently retired from the rectorship of the Church of St. John the Evangelist, 3d & Reed Streets, died suddently at his home in Germantown on December 5th. For twenty-five years he was general secretary of the City Mission. A graduate of the Philadelphia Divinity School, he had the honorary Doctor of Divinity conferred upon him by that school last June. He had served as president of the National Chaplains' Association of the American Prison Congress, and was a member of the American Academy of Political and Social Science. Surviving are a son, John Edward McHenry, and two daughters, Helen W. and Martha B. McHenry. Burial service was held at St. John's Church, December 8th, with interment in the yard of St. Thomas' Church, Whitemarsh.

Mr. George H. Randall, for many years a national executive officer of the Brotherhood of St. Andrew, and an active lay worker at the Church of the Holy Trinity, Philadelphia, died in Waterville, N. Y., November 24th. For fifteen years he was editor of *St. Andrew's Cross*. He was a licensed Lay Reader in the Diocese of Pennsylvania, and one of the best known laymen of the Episcopal Church in his generation.

Madonna Dedicated by Bishop Hart

Mr. Felix Vargas, Rev. E. Sydnor Thomas, Rev. Dumont Morisseau, Bishop Hart

Sunday evening, November 23d, Bishop Hart dedicated a picture of the Madonna and Child in the Lady Chapel of St. Barnabas Church, Germantown. The oil painting, in which the figures are life size, was painted and given to the church by the artist, Mr. Felix Vargas. The chapel in which the picture hangs was built for the use of St. Mary's School for Girls, which was founded and conducted for many years by Sister Liela Mary and Sister Bertha Ethel. Both of these sisters died in 1940, and the chapel and its decoration have been dedicated in their memory.

Department of Christian Education

Schools of Christian Education

After careful consideration, the Committee on Schools of the Department of Christian Education has decided not to conduct a Winter Conference this January. There are two principal reasons for this decision: (1) For some time now, thought has been given to the advisability of setting up regional or area schools, under the auspices of the Department, in order to promote teacher training and other educational activities in those sections of the diocese where the greatest number of persons interested in Christian Education could profit by them. This is naturally a long range plan which needs to be analyzed very carefully before being put into operation.

(2) The School of Christian Education held at the Church House this fall October 14 - November 18, was so eminently successful as to make a second school during this season unnecessary. The sessions of this school were attended by more persons generally, by more persons with educational responsibilities, than for many years past. During this time the department brought to the diocese two distinguished lecturers, the Rev. Powel M. Dawley, Ph.D., of the faculty of General Seminary and The Rev. Stanley Brown-Serman, D.D., of the Virginia Seminary, whose courses each evening brought enthusiastic response from all who attended. In addition to the visiting lecturers, leaders from our own diocese conducted other well attended classes.

Church School Lenten Material

The Church Schools of the Episcopal Church will be studying, "The Bible Goes 'Round the World" during this coming Lent. This is the children's part in the Church's study on Evangelism. The National Council has prepared "The Bible for Us All" for the kindergarten and primary children, and "The Bible Circles the World" for the older boys and girls.

The Church School Committee is preparing a Guide to help teachers and superintendents in planning their Lenten program. It will contain suggestions for the use of the National Council material in the various departments of the Church School. For the church schools who want additional material, the Missionary Education Movement material, which is prepared on the various age levels, will be listed. Visual educational aids in the form of very attractive pictures, charts, and filmstrips will be listed together with suggestions for their use.

There is a great deal of good, useable material available this year, and the Guide is being planned to help in the use of it, and to help stimulate the giving through the Mite Boxes. The committee plans to have the Guide ready and distributed early in January.

Youth Rallies

In every parish—a balanced program of Worship, Study, Service and Recreation for all its youth. Through actual experience in Christian living—"To Know the Christ—To Make Him Known."

The first of the ten diocesan wide youth rallies, planned by the Youth Council as a part of their diocesan program, was held by Chester Convocation Area 3 at the Parish House of the Holy Trinity Church, West Chester on Saturday, November 22. The Rev. Hugh Fryer, rector of Trinity Church, Coatesville, challenged the young people to accept their responsibilities in the service of Our Lord and gave a slogan of the Seabees, "Can do." A Panel of young people presented the program of the United Movement of the Church's Youth—and in their presentation stressed that UMCY is not an organization but a program to unite all the Church's youth, regardless of their identity as Y.P.F., G.F.S., etc. and also to provide a program for the young people who are not affiliated with any group.

A social hour followed—games, dances and refreshments. An unusual decoration on the stage attracted much interest and comment. The platform was beautifully decorated with pennants of the high schools in all the areas involved, alternating with UMCY pennants. The pennants were hung on a goal post and over the goal post there was a football suspended. This illustrated to the young people the fact that a touchdown in the work of the Church is not sufficient, that we must always make the extra point.

After the recreational period, the rally closed with a worship service lead by the Rev. Jacob Winterstein of Holy Trinity Church, West Chester, which was a prayer and dedication service in which the youth dedicated themselves to the work of advancing young people's work in their area, and rededicated themselves to serving their Church.

The parishes represented were St. James, Downingtown; Trinity, Coatesville; Ascension, West Chester; St. John's, Concord; St. Paul's, West Whiteland; and Holy Trinity, West Chester. Clergy from each of these parishes attended with their young people and were most enthusiastic about the program and offered their help and cooperation in advancing it. Mr. James Ludwig is the Adult Adviser for this area, and the rally was planned under his guidance.

Visual Aids

New additions:

Filmstrips	Three Wise Men Boyhood of Jesus Jairus' Daughter
On order:	
Filmstrips	The Ten Commandments (10 reels)
Slides	Old Testament (set of 90) Use of the Bible for Children and Intermediates

Also received is a new S.V.E. Tri-Purpose Filmstrip and slide projector.

The Guild of the Little Children

An organization known as the Guild of the Little Children has been set up in the Diocese to help parents of young children teach religion in the home.

The plan is to have visitors in the parish call upon parents after a child has been baptized, and suggest how the parent may teach the child some simple fundamentals of the Christian religion, in the early impressionable years.

By means of an experiment conducted in a number of parishes over a period of two years, the committee in charge of the Guild has discovered some helpful methods and techniques for making these visitations. In every case it was found that parents welcomed this help that was furnished by the church.

A considerable amount of material and books has been gathered together, both for the use of the parent and the child. Several kits containing samples of suitable material together with instructions for its use have been assembled. These kits can be borrowed from the Department of Christian Education. A member of the committee of the Guild will be glad to explain how the plan can be set up in the parish.

Any parish which is interested may obtain further information from the Department or from the chairman of the Diocesan Guild, Mrs. H. Burland Patterson, 250 S. 3rd Street, Phila. 6, ('phone LOmbard 3-4575.)

The G. F. S. in the Mission Effort

With the Holiday Season now behind us, the Girls' Friendly Society now begins to look toward the more solemn season of Lent, during which its members will be thinking, studying, working, and giving to the needs of the Indian American at the Rosebud Indian Mission, South Dakota. In the State of South Dakota there are G.F.S. Branches connected with St. Mary's School, Springfield, St. Mary's Church, Mitchell, and St. James Church, Belle Fourche.

Contrary to the popular understanding, the Indian Americans, who in 1924 became American citizens, are not vanishing, but are increasing twice as fast as the population of the country as a whole and there are some 350,000 in fifteen States.

So the Church is most anxious to extend its work among these first inhabitants, so recently given the full franchise of their native land, giving them first religious education, then placing emphasis on family welfare, community service and friendly help in adjusting themselves to present day conditions.

The G.F.S. Program is most valuable in training the young girls to work and play together and to be useful workers in their Parish and community.

The G.F.S. in this Diocese will send, as its Lenten effort to these people, boxes of all sorts of clothing for boys and girls, and the Junior Members are continuing an effort started last year in sending Christmas gifts for 1948 of toys and trinkets to make a Merry Christmas for our Indian friends.

Mission Discussions for Lent will be on the topic "World Evangelism," in which the Groups will, by listening to informed speakers and by discussion among themselves, try to develop a real desire to aid the brining about of an equality of opportunity for every race and nation and to overcome prejudices, which after all, are opinions and not facts.

Each year the G.F.S. all over the country works to raise the sum of $2000 for a National Mission Object, decided upon by the National Board of the Society and approved by the Church. This year this money will be sent to Bishop Huang in China, and Pennsylvania will do its share.

Bontoc Scholarship Girl

And finally the Society in this Diocese has for many years had a lively and loving interest in the work at All Saints' School, Bontoc, P. I. Bishop Charles Henry Brent, the first Missionary Bishop to the Philippines, founed Bontoc Mission, consisting of the Church and a school for boys and girls.

In 1907 the Senior Members' Club in Pennsylvania sent the first scholarship and in 1915 the Branches began to provide scholarships, sometimes eight or nine, but since 1931 six particular Igoroti girls have been taken care of by this Diocese, and in all $11,515 has been sent to this School for the education of its girls. Our scholarship girls have been a real credit to themselves and the Church, becoming nurses, teachers and homemakers, and the G.F.S. in Pennsylvania will continue this investment in education and enlightenment.

In 1934 Miss Elizabeth W. Beatty, the G.F.S. Diocesan Chairman for Missions, was appointed agent to handle the sale of the handwork made by the Mountain Province Missions, centering at Bontoc. Until December 1941, when the War brought a temporary and destructive end to the School, Miss Beatty had sold some $2500 worth of this lovely work.

The beautiful Church at Bontoc, together with all the other buildings, except the girls' dormitory, were completely demolished by the Japanese, but the work of the Priests of the Church, of Deaconess Kate Sibley Shaw, and the many others, who have served there through the years, has remained deep in the hearts of the Igorotis, as witnessed by the splendid service and aid they gave during the War and the fact that in 1946 Bishop Binsted confirmed 1036 of these loyal natives.

Forecasting G.F.S. Events

February 7, afternoon and evening, the G.F.S. will hold a Midwinter Carnival at the Germantown Y.W.C.A., 5820 Germantown Avenue. In the afternoon the Philadelphia Electric Company will show children's films and there will be lively games for the young people. A home-cooked supper will be served at 5:30 and 6:30. Adult films, most interesting and delightful, will be projected in the evening and there will be dancing for all to enjoy. All sorts of lovely and enticing articles will be on sale during the whole affair. All G.F.S. friends will receive a cordial welcome, and it is hoped many will attend.

February 12th, from five to nine, at St. Margaret's House, 5419 Germantown Avenue, the Society will hold its annual quiet day, under the leadership of the Rev. William M. Lanigan, Rector of St. Peter's Church, Phoenixville, Pa. Let us set aside these hours for quiet thinking and spiritual help under the guidance of one so well equipped.

OFFERING FOR THEOLOGICAL EDUCATION

Each year the Church calls upon all its people to make a special offering for theological education, on or about the feast of the Conversion of St. Paul, January 25th. This year the offering will be taken in most parishes on Sunday, January 25th. In this diocese considerable money is given for the Philadelphia Divinity School.

In the Diocese

HENRY STUART PAYNTER, *Editor*

Miss Margaret Gibbons White, who died August 9, 1946, left the sum of $500 to the Church of the Saviour.

Vestments for a choir of small girls are needed at St. Paul's Chapel, 2249 W. Cumberland Street; also, a sewing machine to be used for instruction in the Girls' Club at the mission. Items can be called for if postal is sent to the Rev. Percy R. Stockman, Vicar, 211 Walnut Street, Phila. 6, Pa.

Instead of having the speaker come to them, the Young People's Fellowship of Grace Church, Mt. Airy, went in a group to the speaker, the Rev. Thomas A. Meryweather, who is an authority on crime prevention. He discussed with them "Young People Who Get in the Clutches of the Law," in the parish House of the Church of the Advocate. Later a tour of the beautiful church edifice was made.

Among the active projects of a group of "older young people" at Trinity Church, Oxford, is the sponsoring of *Trinity Church News*, issued each month.

A Chapter of the Brotherhood of St. Andrew has been started at the Church of the Redemption, 56th and Market Streets.

The Rev. Raymond A. Gill, formerly a missionary in Africa, has been appointed Vicar of St. Bartholomew's Church, Wissinoming.

The Woman's Auxiliary of St. Peter's Church in the Great Valley meets once a month in the home of some member of the group. Speakers and subjects follow the various fields of Auxiliary interest. Each Tuesday during Lent the Auxiliary meets at the home of the rector to sew for missions.

At the Church of St. Philip-in-the-Fields, Oreland, on All Saints' Day there were consecrated a Church Flag, a memorial to Jane Ann Tanner; an American Flag, a memorial to R. Markley Groff, Jr., killed in action in Germany; a Sanctuary Prayer Desk, a memorial to Mrs. Frank Jenkins. Next year this Mission will assume $1,400 as its share of the Vicar's salary. The people of the mission are paying $500 on the mortgage, leaving a balance of $15,000. The Choir of St. Luke's Church, Germantown, is visiting Oreland for a special service of Christmas music on December 30.

Miss Carolyn Ely Chapman, president of the Woman's Auxiliary of the Diocese of Connecticut, recently announced her engagement to the Rev. A. Lester Worthey, rector of All Saints' Church, 11th and Snyder Avenue. They will be married at St. John's Church, Bridgeport, on January 3, and will make their home at 1327 Wolf Street.

A Junior Crucifer

Jackie Chinn, aged four years, is the crucifer for the junior choir at the Church of St. Barnabas, 3d and Dauphin Streets. In the regular services, Jackie, carrying a specially constructed processional cross, leads the juniors; then come the regular crucifer and flag bearers, followed by the senior choir.

A memorial plaque, honoring those who served and in memory of those who gave their lives in World War II, was unveiled and dedicated at the Church of the Holy Apostles and the Mediator on November 30.

Elizabeth Heyburn Gamble, born November 10, is the daughter of the Rev. and Mrs. Robert H. Gamble. Her father is assistant at the Church of the Redeemer, Bryn Mawr.

In memory of Mrs. Charles Henry Long, who entered into Paradise on July 10, 1947, a stained-glass window will be placed in Zion Church, where for many years she gave of herself with deep devotion. Any who desire to share in this richly-deserved tribute should send their contributions to Mrs. Arnold West, Treasurer, 1156 Wagner Avenue, Philadelphia 41, Pa.

The Altar Guild of St. Peter's, Phoenixville, recently presented an Exhibit of Vestments, rare books, and other articles connected with Christian worship. A large portion of the Exhibit was from the collection of the Very Rev. James M. Niblo, D.D., Rector of St. John's, Norristown, and Dean of the Convocation of Norristown, who also spoke.

A flag used at the burial of Wilbert H. Rowland, deceased veteran, has been presented by his family to the Church of the Advocate, where it is put to good use.

The "All Parish Show" at Christ Church and St. Michael's attracted almost 2,000 people with 300 characters participating plus "suppers" and "midget bazaars." A substantial sum was raised for the benefit of missions and Episcopal Hospital.

Due to the faulty operation of an oil burner the boiler at Christ Church, Ridley Park, was completely burned out. A disastrous fire was narrowly avoided, and the absence of heat occured just after cold weather set in. A new boiler and burner were promptly installed.

A fire in the automobile of the Rev. John E. Morgan, vicar of St. Luke's Mission, Eddystone, damaged the interior. Damages amounting to about $300 were covered by insurance.

Mr. A. Addis Ziegler, Jr., has become organist and choirmaster of the Church of the Incarnation, Drexel Hill.

A special memorial fund has been established at Trinity Church, Swarthmore, to provide a better way to express sympathy in time of bereavement. Instead of sending flowers, it is suggested that the money involved be sent to this memorial fund. The name of the one for whom the tribute is being given will be recorded in a book kept for the purpose. An appropri-

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PREACHING

When religion gets in the news, the subject of preaching frequently makes the headlines. *Time* magazine recently carried a story of an enterprising evangelist on the west coast who, for a substantial rental, is prepared to supply colored movie church services with prayers, psalms, and sermon. The sermon is the big feature, illustrated with "mood shots" of nature. Sample themes: "The Templed Hills," "Desert Symphony," "Lily of the Valley," "Blue Horizons," "Day Is Done." Here are canned sermons, ready to serve.

Christian Century reports that the Chicago Congregational Association has found that theological confusion among its ministers is a serious handicap to its program of evangelism. It is all summed up in the question: "What are preaching missions to preach?"

Bob Kevin, in the *Philadelphia Inquirer*, has a paragraph on "Tiresome Sermons." He quotes Canon Theodore W. Wedel, warden of the College of Preachers in Washington: "Too many sermons preached nowadays are needlessly soporific. Some of the clergy use big words, hiding their meaning in long, involved sentences, and fail to spend long periods of preparation on their sermons. Modern preaching suffers from a lack of variety in sermon topics, as well as a failure on the part of many ministers so to simplify their thoughts that their listeners not only can grasp the meaning of the sermon; but also abide by it."

The national program of the Episcopal Church this year is stressing Evangelism. While much is said of the use of radio and advertising, the matter of preaching also comes in for large emphasis.

We are often reminded that the number of great preachers is small. Among artists, musicians, scientists, statesmen, journalists, industrial leaders it might also be said that the number who attain eminence is likewise small. When we consider how many men are occupied with preaching, it is not surprising to find few who can be said to be of the first magnitude.

In some denominations of Christians the personality and preaching ability of the minister is all important. The building is designed with the pulpit in the central position, and the heart of the worship is the sermon. Our Episcopal church buildings are set apart for worship, with the altar in the central place. There are the beauty of the liturgy, prayers hallowed by the use of centuries, the inspiration of good music, the distinctive atmosphere of worship. If there should be something lacking in the sermon, no one need go away without having received spiritual help.

Yet this Church of ours has always emphasized the prophetic office. When a man is made a Deacon, ordained a Priest, consecrated a Bishop, in each instance he is given the Holy Scriptures and admonished to preach, as well as fulfill the other functions of his office. Passages authorized by the Book of Common Prayer for Epistles and Gospels for the Sundays and Holy Days are suggestive of the content of the sermon provided for by rubric between the Creed and the Offertory.

It is gratifying to learn from a leading article in this issue of THE CHURCH NEWS that the subject of "homiletics" is given prominent place in the course of studies at the Philadelphia Divinity School. We are confident that other important matters are given equal attention; but the people in the pews will be glad to know that the men in the seminary are being thoroughly and systematically trained to be proficient in their preaching. When these young men go forth from this school of the prophets, their preaching may not always be great; but it should be helpful to the hearers.

The effectiveness of the sermon is usually limited by the congregation. The size makes a difference. A half empty church is not conducive to great preaching. A receptive attitude on the part of the people makes a tremendous difference. The Gospel is "good news"; so is preaching. Go to Church with great anticipation and attention, and you will come away from any sermon with something to sustain you.

Bishop Hart tells of a friend of his who ranks as a great preacher, who said: "Any old stick could preach in my pulpit." The Bishop learned, upon inquiry, that in that church a group of laymen assemble for a quiet meeting before each service to unite in prayer for God's guidance and blessing upon the people and the preacher. If everybody would pray for the clergy it would surely make a difference in the quality of the sermons they hear. They will not necessarily be brilliant, but they will more often minister to our needs.

H. S. P.

MEETING A SCHEDULE

We have been glad to learn that THE CHURCH NEWS is being delivered much more promptly than has sometimes been the case. The reason for this prompt delivery is the printer's ability to finish the job in ample time for the "dead line." Of course, the printer cannot do his work until our contributors give us the matter to be printed, and there has been much improvement in this respect recently. In order to keep on schedule, we must have everything (news and advertisements) in our hands at the Church House by the first of the month preceding date of issue—if you have an item or an ad for February, see that it reaches us before January 1.

100% COOPERATION

St. Alban's Church, Newtown Square, has sent in a group subscription for all its families. This is the ideal method of reaching everybody with THE CHURCH NEWS. Many other parishes and missions are considering similar action, and it would be much appreciated if we might have their cooperation now.

We have also recently received large club subscriptions from St. Giles' Church, Stonehurst, and St. Matthew's Church, 18th and Girard Avenue.

These group subscriptions, whether for all or a substantial portion of communicant lists, are accepted at a special price, which makes it possible for the plan to be used anywhere.

We are happy to report that many persons have subscribed for THE CHURCH NEWS for friends, as Christmas presents. It is not too late, even now, to have appropriate cards sent to friends telling them that they are recipients of such gifts.

CHURCHWOMAN'S CLUB

With the advent of the New Year, the Churchwoman's Club issued its usual calendar of interesting events for the season beginning in January. Programs have been mailed to all members, outlining the regular Tuesday afternoon and evening meetings.

One important change is noted, which is intended to meet the convenience of a larger number of the membership. Guest speakers will appear before the regular suppers are served, instead of in the evening as formerly, thus permitting those who desire to leave early the enjoyment both of the inspiring entertainment and the delightful meals. Members are urged to consult their programs for details of the schedule.

Mrs. Thomas N. Walker, President, reports a most successful annual bazaar, conducted at the Club's headquarters, 1919 Walnut St., on November 25. The response of the members and their friends in the many parishes was most heartening to the various committees and their aides, who not only collected and disposed of many lovely and useful articles, but served luncheon, tea and dinner to a capacity attendance.

Attention is again called to the Annual Meeting of members, to be held at 3:00 P. M. on Tuesday, January 13, after which Mrs. U. Grant Beath, President of the Woman's Auxiliary of the Diocese will be honored at a tea.

DRIVING INSTRUCTIONS AT EPISCOPAL ACADEMY

In the interest of diminishing traffic accidents through scientific training of future drivers, the Episcopal Academy has installed a "safe driving course" for students. There are 36 hours of class-room work and an equal number of hours spent on the road in a dual-controlled car. The student, upon completion of the course, will know how to operate a car, be aware of the responsibilities he must meet, the problems to be faced in driving, and the limits he must impose upon himself and his vehicle.

An Academy Alumnus, John L. Cornog, '46, won the Scholarship Prize for the Freshman class of Princeton University. This honor to the top scholar of the class carries a grant of books to the school at which the candidate prepared. The presentation will be made in the near future by Lewis Lukens (Episcopal Academy '13), President of the Princeton Alumni Society.

Special Convention Considers Plans For Future Hospital

At the call of Bishop Hart, a special meeting of the Convention of the Diocese of Pennsylvania met in the Church of the Holy Trinity on December 15, at 4 P. M., for the sole purpose of considering plans for the future of the Episcopal Hospital. Most of the clergy and lay delegates were in attendance. After calling the convention to order, and following opening prayers, Bishop Hart delivered his address to the Convention.

Bishop Hart stated that the responsibility for the hospital rests with the Board of Managers. That it represents the greatest piece of missionary work that this diocese is doing. The amount of money from Church sources, directly or indirectly given to the hospital is twice the sum of all that is given for other missionary work within the diocese. This generous support of the hospital by the people of the church through the years has deprived the diocese of many other much needed things. Two instances cited were the need for a Conference Center and more adequate support for the Divinity School.

In the midst of his address, Bishop Hart read a passage from the 12th Chapter of the Gospel according to St. John, and asked the members of the convention to meditate upon it; especially Verse 29: "The people therefore, that stood by, and heard it, said that it thundered: others said, an angel spake to Him." Here are people interpreting the same thing in different ways.

The Bishop enumerated certain things which must be kept in mind: We must see the Episcopal Hospital in the whole picture of hospital facilities as they affect the whole city. There is a difference in doing charitable work today, as compared with the past. Since 1938 there have been fewer donations to the endowment fund. The difficulties of retaining an adequate medical and technical staff in a non-teaching institution. In five years the cost of operation has increased from $500,000 to $1,250,000 per year, and the smallness of the deficit for the past five years is a tribute to the management. The antiquity of the buildings adds to the cost of operation; but the buildings are not in a hopeless condition.

Following a recess from 6:30 to 8 P. M., Bishop Hart again called the convention to order, and the following resolutions were adopted:

1. That this convention give full support to the desires of the community and the Board of Managers to meet the current financial problems in a way that will make possible the hospital's continuance as a church hospital in its present location, and that it is the sense of this convention that no merger which would destroy or obscure the churchly character of this hospital should be approved.

2. That the diocese endeavor to raise the sum of $65,000 a year for the Episcopal Hospital at Thanksgiving or at other times in the year; this item not to be included in the budget of the diocese.

3. That this convention is sympathetic with the objectives of a building program for the hospital, and that immediate steps be taken to raise $750,000 by a canvass of individuals and organizations from Northeast Philadelphia by a house-to-house canvass in that area, and by an appeal to the diocese for immediate needs, and that plans be made for a long range effort to raise a further fund of $1,500,000 for capital improvements; both of the above subject to the approval of the Community Chest.

4. That a committee be appointed to consider the methods whereby a closer relationship will be established between the convention of the diocese and the board of the hospital, as well as with the industrial establishments, business, churches, organized labor groups and residents of the Northeast section of Philadelphia, and such committee to consist of six members of convention appointed by the bishop with adequate representation from the community which the hospital serves, and the same number of persons representing the Board of Managers; this committee to report back at the next Annual Diocesan Convention.

Anniversaries—Parochial and Personal

From October 26 to November 2 the people of St. Martin's Church, Marcus Hook, celebrated the 245th anniversary of the founding of their Church. The Rector, the Rev. Melvin M. Heckler, preached a special sermon on "The Best Is Yet to Come," and Dean Gifford of the Philadelphia Divinity School was the guest preacher at one of the services. The Young People's Fellowship held a supper meeting, with Miss Julia Hill, of the Diocesan Department of Christian Education, as the speaker. Other activities included a Hallowe'en Party and a Sauer Kraut Supper given by the members of the Vestry.

All Saints' Church, Torresdale, commemorated its 175th anniversary on November 2. The day also marked the 40th anniversary of the ordination of the Rector, the Rev. Percy J. Brown, who has been rector of the parish for 32 years. Bishop Remington confirmed a class of 71 at the morning service.

Calvary Church, 41st and Brown Streets, has issued a souvenir year book in connection with its 101st anniversary. Profusely illustrated, it contains historical information, and a complete parish directory.

October 26 marked the 79th commemoration of the founding of the Church of the Holy Apostles and the Mediator, and the 31st anniversary of laying of the corner stone of the present Church at 51st and Spruce Streets. The special preacher in the morning was the Rev. Charles E. Tuke, while Bishop Hart preached in the evening.

A special service was held on the evening of October 13 to mark the tenth anniversary of the Rev. Leonard J. Sachs as Vicar at the Church of the Advent, Hatboro. Bishop Hart preached, and his secretary, Dr. Long, conducted the service. At a reception later in the evening a purse of something over $200.00 was presented to the Vicar.

About 125 persons gathered for a testimonial dinner in the parish house of St. Timothy's Church, Roxborough, in honor of Mr. James Eskersby and Mr. Arthur Mainwaring, both of whom have sung in the choir of St. Timothy's for fifty years. They were presented with gold crosses, engraved with their names. As members of the vestry they have served on the Choir Committee.

At the Prince of Peace Chapel Mrs. Martha Kautz and Mr. John Spotts were given suitable recognition for fifty years of faithful and regular attendance and work in the church. A Church School Choir Guild has been organized to equip and supervise appointments for the children who compose this special choir.

Mr. George W. Wilkins

The Board of Directors of the Galilee Mission held a luncheon to celebrate the 40th anniversary of the connection of Mr. George W. Wilkins with the Galilee Mission for rescue work under the auspices of the Episcopal Church. The Rev. Charles E. Tuke presided. Bishop Hart spoke about the importance of work done without hope of remuneration or gain, and the happiness of rendering such service. Mayor Samuel commended the guest of the occasion for his constant willingness to undertake humanitarian work, and praised him for the fine job he executed at the city's Shelter for Homeless Men. Mr. Wilkins, who has been Superintendent of the Mission for about fifteen years, told of the aims and accomplishments of the work. Evangelistic services are conducted seven days a week, extensive social service activities are carried on continuously, there is a Sunday School ministering to 300 children of the neighborhood, additional property has recently been acquired for enlarging the facilities of the Mission.

A service in observance of the Twentieth Anniversary of the consecration of All Saints' Church, Crescentville, was held on November 23. At the same service the people of the parish re-consecrated themselves and re-affirmed their gratitude to Maud Fisher, long a member of the parish, a teacher in the Sunday School, and whose generosity built the church.

The Rev. Dr. John Robbins Hart, whose tenth anniversary as rector of the Washington Memorial Chapel, Valley Forge, was celebrated on November 6 at a dinner sponsored by the Vestry, was presented with a new automobile by the congregation and Vestry as a token of appreciation for the fine work which he and Mrs. Hart have done. A portable record player and radio was the the gift of the Choir. A musical program and informal get-together followed the dinner.

At St. Barnabas Church, 3d and Dauphin Streets, a fund of $5,000 is being raised, to culminate at the time of the 75th anniversary of the parish in 1950. The money will be used to renovate the interior of the Church, and to pay for a new oil heating system, which has been installed and is now in use.

A significant anniversary will be observed by St. Stephen's Church, 10th above Chestnut Street, in 1948, marking 125 years of parish life and work. Bishop Hart will preach at the opening service of the commemoration on February 29th. Throughout the ensuing week, including Sunday, March 7th, there will be a series of dinners and meetings where emphasis will be placed upon various aspects of the long life of this busy parish.

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HOW TO AVOID CONFUSION IN MAKING BEQUESTS

In cases where persons desire to leave gifts to establish permanent funds for the support of some part of the work of the Church, in or out of the Diocese, the following form would be appropriate:

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If the donor desires to name some special object, he would do well to consult with the Bishop, so that there will be no confusion in the bequests.

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All Saints' Church, Wynnewood, has purchased a residence property on Montgomery Avenue, immediately across the street from the Church. The new building is available for immediate occupancy by the younger children of the Church School. The property will be used as a parish house and a center for community activities.

St. James Church, Kingsessing, recently held its first Parent-Teachers' Social Evening for the entire Church School. This was attended by nearly 100 persons who learned the aims and purposes of the Sunday program, and saw a religious movie, "Who Is My Neighbor." Afterward a social hour of games and refreshments enabled the parents and teachers to become acquainted. So successful was this first attempt that another is already being planned for next fall.

Dean Gifford, of the Philadelphia Divinity School, was the preacher at Trinity Church, Coatesville on December 3, in a series of community services held under the auspices of the Chester Valley Ministerium.

B. Knox Macon, Accounting Warden of St. Peter's Church in the Great Valley, dropped in on a certain Philadelphia bank to arrange for a transfer of funds. The clerk brought out the card with the notation, "B. Knox Macon, Accounting Warden." She smiled sweetly and asked, "Are you Mr. Macon or Mr. Warden?"

There was recently dedicated at St. Aidan's Chapel, Cheltenham, a lectern bible in two volumes printed in Cambridge, England, in 1638, with binding by Riviere, in loving memory of the late Mrs. Mary C. Horn Kuenberger.

A new oil burner has been installed in the vicarage at St. James Church, Perkiomen. An old fashioned coal stove in the library on the Church grounds has been replaced with a modern crude-oil burning stove with blower attachment.

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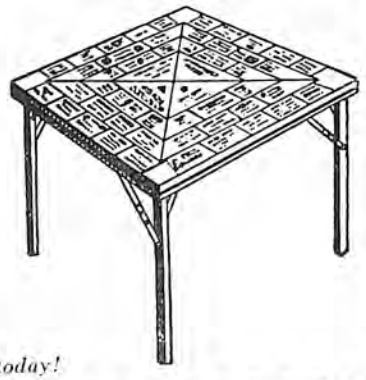

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front door of the church, has just been constructed, at Trinity Church, Buckingham.

By the terms of the will of Miss Annie D. Ferree, who died October 10, $10,000 is to be spent for the purchase and erection of chimes in the Memorial Church of St. Paul, Overbrook, following the death of a brother who is to receive the income during his life.

On Wednesday evening, October 22, the Altar Guild of St. Peter's, Phoenixville, presented an Exhibit of Vestments, rare books, and other articles connected with Christian worship. A large portion of the Exhibit was from the collection of the Very Rev. James M. Niblo, D.D., Rector of St. John's, Norristown, and Dean of the Convocation of Norristown, who also spoke.

Calvin Nathan Edwards, infant son of the Rev. and Mrs. J. W. Edwards, was baptized by Bishop Remington on November 2 at St. Philip's Church, 19th and Lombard Streets.

Mr. John Reynolds has been elected by the vestry of Trinity Church, Swarthmore, to fill the unexpired term of the late Ernest A. Werner.

The Rev. T. Norman Mason and the choir of the Church of the Redeemer, Springfield, supplied the religious service broadcast from the television studio of station WFIL on a recent Sunday evening.

The address of the Rev. William L. Ziadie, formerly of this Diocese, is St. Mark's Rectory, P. O. Box M, Limon, Costa Rica.

Mr. David E. Seaboldt, lay reader, has been placed in charge of the services at St. Alban's Church, Newtown Square. Mr. Seaboldt has previously served in several places, including St. Peter's-in-the-Great-Valley.

The congregation of Trinity Church, Ambler, joined in the Thanksgiving Day service held at St. Thomas' Church, Whitemarsh. The Rev. Charles E. Green, Vicar of Trinity, assisted the Rev. Nathanael B. Groton, Rector of St. Thomas'. The choirs of both churches sang, and the offering for the Episcopal Hospital was credited equally to Ambler and Whitemarsh.

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